



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Police and Crime Panel
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	24th November 2023

### BRIEF REPORT

Following a motion passed by Gloucester County council members, representatives from other councils from the county were invite to attend the meeting.

#### **PEEL Update presented Assistant Chief Constable Ocone:**

The force has come out of 'Engaged status discharging four of five areas of previous concern, the force continues to work on further improvements to the handling of 999 and 101 call which does continue to improve but 101 wait times and abandonment still need to reduce and more staff will be recruited to address this in the coming months.

Victim Service has improved confirmed by excellence in the HMICFRS Assessment through better data and stronger governance.

Crime Data Integrity improved from 2019 (82%), to 2023 (98%).

Investigative Standards and solved crime rates and arrest rates show an upward trend and 23 of the 34 are above 95% compliance.

There have been a number of ICT improvements which have supported the achievement of the above.

However, there are future risks associated with an inexperienced workforce, demands for more complex case files, cost of living pressures and widening pay gap between police staff and officers.

The Commissioner when questioned about the pressures created by the PEEL, these were acknowledged and that there would be short period of pause for the force before further significant changes occur.

E-Scooters : At least 33 have been seized is aware of the link with criminal use and a problem-solving plan is in place with a specific operation to address the issues.

Violence against Women and Girls, show although the trend line is up since improvements in data capture in July the trend is reducing slightly.

#### **Police and Crime Prevention Plan for Gloucestershire 2021-25:**

The Commissioner presented a draft of his police and crime prevention plan to the committee giving detail on progress on his six priorities of:

- Creating safer communities – for which £4m funding had been secured from the safer streets fund, improvements in tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) was highlighted and success of the adoption of ASB case review process.
- Tackling violence against women and girls – development of domestic abuse strategy working with partner and now 3 dedicated OPCC staff on this area from the funding secured,
- Strengthening your constabulary – Focused on exiting HMICFRS ‘Engaged’ status, bring done 101 and 999 call wait times and recruitment of more than 400 officers, PCSOs and other staff.
- Targeting the causes of crime – investment in staff analysing serious violent crime, combating drug partnerships collaboratively with other forces in the south-west.
- Supporting victims and reducing reoffending – has created victims’ hub and extended lease of ‘nightingale’ court in Cirencester amongst other measures.
- Empowering local communities - Held a number of engagement events in the county, and invested in a number of new OPCC posts and tackling rural crime.

The Commissioners update provided detail of all recent meetings and visits made as maintaining communication with residents, organisations and councils remains a priority.

There was a discussion on speeding and although the commissioner fund is now spent there are cheap automatic registration equipment that can be purchased for relatively cheaply and the any issues with Gloucs Highways (which was due to staffing gap) to contact the OPCC for support as this remains a key area for the commissioner.

**Report of the Chief Executive:**

There have been 368 complaints received between (Jan 19 & Oct 23), with a peak in May 23 which was due to lobbying group 2023 complaints show a slight fall in most months.

The committee asked for a more detailed breakdown by ‘reason’ of the compliant noting GDPR restrictions.

<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Martin Pearcy
<b>DATE</b>	1st December 2023